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SUMMARY: IN LAST TWO YEARS ILO HAS HAD TWO CONTINUING PROJECTS -
CENTRAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE AND INSTITUTE OF LABOR
SCIENCE. ILO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THREE OTHER PROJECTS
ENDED - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OF INDUSTRIALLY DISABLED,
HOTEL CATERING TRAINING CENTER, AND RURAL VOCATIONAL PREPARATION
AND TRAINING. IN 1977 ROKG EXPECTS ILO FAMILY PLANNING EXPERT
TO ARRIVE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS' WOMENS
AND MINORS BUREAU. ROKG OFFICIALS WERE PLEASED WITH PERFORMANCE
OF ILO EXPERTS AND MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAMS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO PARA FOUR REFTEL:

A. OBJECTIVES

CENTRAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE - OBJECTIVE IS TO PREPARE
INSTRUCTORS FOR VOCATIONAL CENTERS, WITH ILO ASSISTANCE CENTRAL
TRAINING INSTITUTE TURNS OUT 350 NEW INSTRUCTORS PER YEAR.
ALL GRADUATES CAN BE USED IN EXISTING VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER
SYSTEM. OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS (OLA) ESTIMATES THAT SUPPLY
OF GRADUATES WILL NEVERTHELESS FALL SHORT OF DEMAND BY END OF
CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN. ROKG HAS FIRM PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF
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TRAINING FACILITIES IN THIS TIME FRAME.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LABOR SCIENCE - OBJECTIVE OF ILO ASSISTANCE
TO HELP DESIGN AND SET UP A RESEARCH CENTER INTO CAUSES OF
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES. ILO EXPERT
PREPARED INITIAL PLANS AND DEPARTED. ROKG WILL BEGIN CONST-
RUCTION OF CENTER IN MARCH 1977. ILO EXPERT EXPECTED TO RETURN

AND ASSIST START UP OF CENTER. OLA BELIEVES CENTER CRUCIAL TO OVERALL EFFORT COMBAT RISING RATE WORK RELATED INJURIES AND DISEASE.

RURAL VOCATIONAL PREPARATION AND TRAINING - OBJECTIVE TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING PILOT CENTERS DEVOTED TO INTRODUCING AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY REPAIR AND SIMPLE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND REPAIR SKILLS TO RURAL WORKERS. ILO EXPERT DEPARTED JANUARY 1976 AND PEACE CORPS CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO PROGRAM. PROGRAM CONSONANT WITH ROKG PLANS TO IMPROVE RURAL ECONOMY.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION - OBJECTIVE TO UPGRADE QUALITY OF REHABILITATION SERVICES. ILO EXPERT HAS DEPARTED. OLA BELIEVES ILO ASSISTANCE HAS IMPROVED REHABILITATION CAPABILITY. CERTAIN EQUIPMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN DELIVERED PENDING A POLICY DECISION BY ROKG IN REHABILITATION AREA. ROKG RECOGNIZES THAT WITH EXPANDING ECONOMY NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL CASUALTIES WILL RISE AND PLANS FOR IMPROVING SERVICES TO THEM UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

HOTEL CATERING AND TRAINING CENTER - OBJECTIVE TO HELP TRAIN QUALIFIED HOTEL AND CATERING PERSONNEL. ILO RESIDENT STAFF HAS DEPARTED AND TRAINING CENTER BELIEVED TO HAVE BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM THEIR SERVICES. DEMAND FOR SERVICES OF GRADUATES STILL EXPECTED TO EXCEED SUPPLY FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

B. TRIPARTISM

ROKG HAS TAKEN LEAD IN DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS SO FAR, BUT ROKG HAS SCHEDULED INTRODUCTION OF TRIPARTISM UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR THIS YEAR. VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS, INSTITUTES AND SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN SEMI-AUTONOMOUS STATUS UNDER BOARDS CONSISTING OF GOVT., BUSINESS AND LABOR REPRESENTATIVES. OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED.

C. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - OLA EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ILO PROGRAMS. ILO HAS HELD UP EQUIPMENT IN THOSE CASES WHERE ROKG PLANNERS ARE STILL WEIGHING SHAPE AND TIMING OF SOCIAL POLICY INITIATIVES. THIS HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY TRUE WHERE ILO EXPERTISE WAS USED TO ASSIST PILOT PROJECTS.

D. SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION - OLA BELIEVES PROJECTS HAVE MET OBJECTIVES SATISFACTORILY. IN CASE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECTS, INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS HAVE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON QUALITY OF GRADUATES. IN SUM, ILO PROGRAMS IN KOREA IN THE LAST TWOYEARS HAVE BEEN MODEST IN SCOPE BUT EFFECTIVE IN EXECUTION. SNEIDER

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